

Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company
508-510 Walnut Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1454

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY			HABS NO. PA-1454
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 508-10 Walnut Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) See Significance below		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) See Significance below	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building is a fine example of Egyptian Revival architecture of the 19th century. The building was constructed in two parts, and consisted of a ca. 1839 building and a matching 1902 addition. Each part was three bays on the front elevation. (continued on page 2)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Egyptian Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with marble front			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Measured approx. 45' (six-bay front) X 138' (originally approx. 22' X 50')			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Front facade: Cavetto cornices with winged disks on second floor windows; parapet with a winged disk; papyrus-leaf columns and capitals on ground floor			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE For more information, see: Newspaper article. The Evening Bulletin. June 17, 1970. Roos, Frank J. "The Egyptian Style". Magazine of Art, April 1940.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. Philadelphia Preserved. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, Historic American Buildings Survey			DATE May 23, 1984

SIGNIFICANCE (continued from page 1):

The respective architects were John Haviland and Theophilus Parsons Chandler, Jr. In 1971, the building was demolished, except for the facade which was saved. A new 21-story office building was then built on the site of the old building, and the preserved facade was placed in front of the new building as a courtyard screen.